

LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION PILOT PROGRAM

Each fall, the City of Lynchburg conducts a citywide Loose Leaf Collection Program to assist residents with the disposal of leaves. This year, in an effort to improve the leaf collection process, the Lynchburg Public Works department is piloting a new schedule for leaf collection.

The pilot gives residents an idea when they can expect to have leaves collected in their ward. The new program is based on historical data and crew experience. "In the past we have conducted leaf collection on a city-wide basis," said Public Work Director Gaynelle Hart. "That meant that we would deploy trucks in all wards during the same time period. Due to the difference in leaf volume and the size of the wards, it was difficult to keep up and citizens would be frustrated.

The new pilot program will have all trucks in one ward at a time over a two week period. After the two week period, crews will move to the next ward. The wards were scheduled based on data from previous collections and the size of the ward. Public Works crews began this season's leaf collection with a three-week sweep throughout the city on October 29. Once the city-wide sweep is complete, crews will begin leaf collection on the following schedule:

- Ward I November 19 November 30
- Ward IV December 1 December 11
- Ward III December 12 December 21
- Ward II December 26 January 4

Mother Nature decides when the leaves fall each year—sometimes, the leaves drop all at once; other times the leaves drop early in the season and sometimes late in the season. Although every effort is made to collect leaves as quickly as possible, it may take longer for crews to complete a route during the period of heaviest leaf fall.

Residents are asked to remember that inclement weather could delay the schedule. Adverse weather such as heavy rain, cold weather or snow can disrupt collection efforts as well. Extremely cold weather can cause leaves to freeze in piles that must be broken up manually. Snowfall during leaf collection season requires the breakdown of leaf machines for use with snow removal equipment which is a time consuming task. The City's leaf collection staff also performs snow removal; therefore, schedule delays can be expected when snow/ice storms are predicted.

Residents are also reminded that leaves may be bagged and set out with their regular trash; however, pre-paid blue trash bags must be used. Leaves may also be taken to the Regional Landfill located at Concord Turnpike. There is no charge for the disposal of leaves at the landfill and they should not be placed in a blue bag. For more information about the disposal of leaves and alternatives to City collection services go to www.lynchburgva.gov/leafcollection.

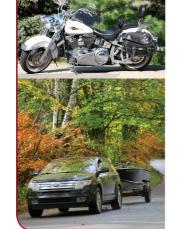
INDIAN HILL BRIDGE OPEN HOUSE

The Department of Public Works will hold an Open House on November 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Bedford Hills Elementary School, 4330 Morningside Drive, to provide updated information regarding the new Indian Hill Bridge. Residents and citizens are encouraged to come by, ask questions and view drawings and displays regarding the bridge replacement.

FIFTH STREET INTERSECTION CLOSED

The intersection of Fifth Street, Park Avenue, and Monroe Street will be closed until further notice for the Fifth Street Corridor Utility and Streetscape Project, Phase III. There will be no vehicle access to this intersection. Please follow all posted detours and use Eighth Street as a detour between Federal Street and Taylor Street. The entire project is expected to be completed in June 2019. For more information, please visit www.lynchburgva.gov/fifthstreet.

SECOND INSTALLMENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX



Due December 5, 2018

Lynchburg residents are reminded that the second personal property tax installment is due by Wednesday, December 5.

If you have not received a personal property tax bill or have questions concerning your bill, please contact the Billings & Collections Division at 455-3850.

Questions regarding personal property assessments should be directed to the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at 455-3870.



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HOLIDAY EVENTS COMING UP!

Yes, the holidays are coming up fast! This year, take some time to enjoy the season by attending one or all of these City sponsored events:

Celebration of Lights

Join Lynchburg Parks and Recreation as we light up Riverside Park for the third annual Celebration of Lights! This free, familyfriendly attraction will open nightly beginning December 7 and will include light displays from



various Lynchburg businesses and organizations as you drive through Riverside Park. Celebration of Lights is FREE to attend and operates from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., December 7 – 31. This is a drive-through event, with the exception of specialty event nights.

Schedule of Events

- December 7 Grand Opening Celebration (Parks and Recreation staff will distribute holiday wishes to the riders).
- December 14 Pedestrian Night
- December 20 Carriage Rides (\$6 per person) hosted by Lexington Carriage Company, and hot cocoa. Carriage rides will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. Register in advance at www.lynchburgparksandrec.com/ programs-and-activities/celebration-of-lights/ to ensure you get a seat!

Christmas Open House at Point of Honor

Come by for Point of Honor's 36th Annual Christmas Open House on December 2 from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.! Visit Dr. George Cabell's home decorated for a Federal Period Christmas of 1815! Cookies and hot cider will be served, 20% discount in the Gift Shop, arts & crafts for



kids of all ages, and much more! Point of Honor is located at 112 Cabell Street, Lynchburg. For more info, visit www.pointofhonor.org.

Lynchburg Christmas Parade



There's no place like "Home for the Holidays" is this year's theme for the annual Lynchburg Christmas Parade. The parade route will begin at 4:00 p.m. and follow Memorial Avenue (from City Stadium) to E. C. Glass High School.



in observance of Thanksgiving.

Trash normally collected on Thursday, Nov. 22 will be collected on Friday, Nov. 23.

Concord Turnpike Convenience Center will be closed Thanksgiving Day.